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FOR AMBASSADOR BOWDLER FROM EDWARD MEZVINSKY, US
REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. RABBI ALEXANDER HERTZBERG, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN
JEWISH CONGRESS AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE WORLD JEWISH
CONGRESS HAS INFORMED ME OF AN INVITATION HE HAS RECEIVED
TO VISIT SOUTH AFRICA AS A GUEST OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
JEWISH COMMUNITY. RABBI HERTZBERG WILL ARRIVE SUNDAY,
FEBRUARY 5 AND DEPART FEBRUARY 19. HE WILL BE STAYING
WITH MENDELL KAPLAN IN JOHANNESBURG AND PLANS TO CONTACT
THE EMBASSY UPON HIS ARRIVAL.

2. HERTZBERG, WHO IS KNOWN AS A LEADING SPOKESMAN FOR
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THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY AND PROMINENT SUPPORTER
OF ISRAEL, IS ALSO CONCERNED OVER THE QUESTION OF
APARTHEID AND THE ROLE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN SOUTH
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WILL ENABLE THE SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY TO BETTER
UNDERSTAND OUR POLICY TOWARD SOUTH AFRICA. HE WANTS TO

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ADVICE ON WHETHER HE SHOULD MEET WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

BOTHA. HERTZBERG IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING
WITH MEMBERS OF THE BLACK COMMUNITY.

3. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE YOU OR YOUR
STAFF COULD PROVIDE RABBI HERTZBERG IN ARRANGING
APPOINTMENTS AND INTRODUCING HIM IN THE MOST APPROPRIATE
MANNER TO A VARIETY OF SOUTH AFRICANS. MANY THANKS. VANCE

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